

Summary Minutes
Sex Offender Management Board
February 29, 2016
1:30 PM
2nd Floor House Majority Hearing Room
Legislative Hall

Committee Members: Cheri Will (Chair); Secretary Jim Mosley (Vice Chair); Terry Pepper (DSHS); John Sadowski (DOE); Hon. Bill Nicholas (Family Court); Alan Grinstead (DOC); Col. Nathaniel McQueen (DSP) Cpt. John Laird (DSP); Peggy Bell (DELJIS); Valerie Marek (SOAR); Kathleen Dickerson (DOJ); Melanie Lahutsky (Superior Court); Fran Stasko (ABR); Lisa Minutola (ODS); Susan Burns (DYRS); Jay Lynch (DHSS).

CJC Staff: Christian Kervick (CJC Executive Director); Andrew Spruill (CJC Senior Planner)

Public Attendees: Ashley Brunsak (DYRS); Elizabeth McCart (YWCA); Pat Maichle (DDC); Tim Collins; Angelique Castro (SOAR); Stacey Huffman (AIM); Diamond Hoke (Beebe Healthcare); Bob Dick.

The agenda items were discussed in the following order:

1. Approval of the minutes from meeting held October 26, 2015

The minutes were approved.

2. SOMB Path Forward

Ms. Will is interested in learning about the Coverdell grant funding. Jay Lynch will continue to chair the credentialing subcommittee and report progress to the SOMB.

3. Legislative Subcommittee Update- Lisa Minutola

Lisa Minutola presented pending legislation bills that relate to sex offender management. Ms. Minutola provided a handout of the draft bill amending Title 13 relating to the Child Protection from Sex Offenders Act. It was clarified that individuals are not found to have zero risk factors and that the language should be modified. The SOMB Legislative Subcommittee has proposed new language for the bill. Ms. Minutola made a motion to have legislatures look into this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business/Announcements

Ms. Minutola referred to the minutes of the October 2015 SOMB meeting. She stated that Commissioner Coupe reached out to multiple agencies in reference to local ordinance laws. She asked if there was any feedback or follow up to the municipal sex offender restrictions that exceed State laws. Ms. Minutola also requested follow up with a letter that was sent to the Judiciary in this matter.

5. New Business

The Chair Cheri Will stated that some concerns have been raised where colleges are having difficulties with hotline caretakers because the caretakers are required to report anonymous calls of sexual assault or domestic violence. Valarie Marek stated she has experienced this first hand as being a challenge as well. Ms. Will stated that the issue is a conflict to maintain privacy. Ms. Will recommended having SANE nurses on-site at college campuses to gather confidential information.

6. Public Comment

Bob Dick asked Peggy Bell the status of the sex offender information on the website. Ms. Bell stated that the web developers were still in the process of implementing the information.

Tim Collins provided handouts to the committee. Mr. Collins raised concerns about juvenile sex offenders and the length of time they are on the registry.

Alan Grinstead from the DOC introduced a member of the public who owns a power washing company (Arnold Power washing). Mr. Arnold stated that he is hiring ex-offenders. Mr. Arnold also informed the board that he has learned that the Ocean View Police Department informs their residents if a registered sex offender is working in the Ocean View jurisdiction. He is concerned that this may cause some difficulty in the future.

7. Adjournment

The SOMB regularly meets the last Monday of each month at 1:30p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 25, 2016. This meeting was adjourned at 2:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Spruill
CJC Senior Planner